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TAGS: ENRG, XH, NATO, EEWT  
SUBJECT: ECONADS: REPORT ON NATO COUNTRIES 1975 IMPORTS OF  
PETROLEUM FROM SOV/EE

REF: (A) 76 USNATO 4817, (B) 76 STATE 222484

1. WE HAVE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (RPE-SWARTZ)  
AC/127-WP/504 "NATO COUNTRIES' IMPORTS OF OIL FROM  
THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN 1975." THIS IS ONE OF THE  
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE'S PERIODIC ANALYSES OF THE TOPIC,  
DRAWING ON OECD OIL COMMITTEE STATISTICS. SINCE IT  
HAD BUT RECENTLY BEEN CIRCULATED IN ENGLISH, DISCUSSION  
OF THE PAPER AT THE MARCH 24 CONADS MEETING WAS  
PERFUNCTORY BUT BILLY INTENDS TO SCHEDULE IT AGAIN  
AT THE MARCH 31 MEETING, LOOKING FORWARD TO EARLY  
COMMITTEE APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF A "C-M" DOCUMENT  
FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. IN THE PAST, THESE  
REPORTS HAVE NORMALLY BEEN SENT TO THE NAC ONLY "FOR  
INFORMATION," BUT THE ITALIAN REP (TESTORI) SAID HIS  
AUTHORITIES FELT IT SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF COUNCIL  
DISCUSSION. THIS ACCORDS WITH A NAC MANDATE TO THE  
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ECONOMIC COMMITTEE LAST NOVEMBER (76 USNATO 6482)  
FOR CLOSE ATTENTION TO SOV/EE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL UK CRITICISM, REF (A), OF  
THE LONG LAG BETWEEN THE END OF THE PERIOD COVERED AND  
THE ISSUANCE OF THE NATO REPORT, ITSELF DEPENDENT ON  
AVAILABILITY OF THE OECD COMPILATION, AND THE SUGGESTION,  
SUPPORTED BY THE US (REF B), THAT THE ALLIES TAKE STEPS  
TO EXCHANGE REQUISITE DATA ON A MUCH MORE TIMELY BASIS.  
WHILE THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN ECONADS THAT EFFORTS

ALONG THIS LINE BE PURSUED, CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE HAVE BEEN SPOTTY, AND SOME ECONADS HAVE COMMENTED INFORMALLY ON THEIR DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING COOPERATION OF STATISTICAL AUTHORITIES AT HOME.

3. WHILE THE SITUATION MIGHT CONCEIVABLY CHANGE IN THE LIGHT OF MORE DETAILED OECD ATTENTION TO E-W ENERGY TRADE (E.G. EP(77)7), THE NATO REPORT'S PRIMARY CONCERN WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY ASPECTS OF NATO COUNTRIES' DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS FROM SOV/EE SOURCES ARGUES THAT ANALYSIS HERE IS NO DUPLICATION. IT ALSO APPEARS FROM EP(77)7, PARA 2, THAT THE DATA AVAILABLE TO OECD ACOULD BE IMPROBED BY A MORE PURPOSE-ORIENRED QUESTIONNAIRE (STATE 49886 AGREES).

4. WITH THESE FACTORS IN MIND, US REP SUGGESTED, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, THAT ECONADS GIVE CONSIDERATION TO EXPANDING THE EVENTUAL "C-M" TEXT TO ASK THE COUNCIL NOT ONLY TO "NOTE" THE REPORT BUT ALSO TO REQUEST MEMBER NATIONS TO PROVIDE TO THE NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE PERTINENT ENERGY STATISTICAL MATERIAL COINCIDENT WITH NATIONAL SUBMISSIONS TO OECD. THIS COULD PERMIT MORE TIMELY ANALYSIS OF TRADE AND DEPENDENCY TRENDS. THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE REACTIONS FROM OTHER ECONADS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) COMMENTS, IF ANY, ON AC/127-CONFIDENTIAL

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WP/504; (B) CONCURRENCE OR OTHER GUIDANCE TO SUGGESTION IN PARA 4; AND (C) UPDATE (AS REQUESTED USNATO A-34) OF US IMPORT DATA PROVIDED REF (B).STRAUSZ-HUPE

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